

# Oral Genealogy

## Democratic Republic of Congo

**Total Population:** 83 Million

**Estimated Oral Genealogy Names:** 56.7 Million

**Ethnic Groups:** over 200 African ethnic groups of which the majority are Bantu; the four largest tribes - Mongo, Luba, Kongo (all Bantu), and the Mangbetu-Azande (Hamitic) make up about 45% of the population

**Languages:** French (official), Lingala (a lingua franca trade language), Kingwana (a dialect of Kiswahili or Swahili), Kikongo, Tshiluba)

**LDS Membership:** 57,714

**Top Priorities for Oral Genealogy Collection**

State/Region/Province	# of Poss. Interview	# of Names Dead
Kinshasa	15,874.29	5,556,000
Kwilu	10,645.13	3,725,797
North Kivu	13,690.29	4,791,600
South Kivu	11,873.83	4,155,840
Kongo Central	11,468.57	4,014,000
Ituri	8,724.83	3,053,690
Haut-Uele	3,951.50	1,383,024
Haut-Katanga	8,148.23	2,851,880
Kasaï	6,582.63	2,303,922



- Priorities to be adjusted based on further evaluation and in-country feedback
- Estimates are based on population models. Actual numbers will not be determined until interviews are conducted

